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GOI Extends Ban on Import of Livestock Products

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Report Highlights:

On August 28, 2009, the Government of India (GOI) has extended the import prohibition on specified live animals and livestock products from countries reporting outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI), for another six months. Despite exemptions listed in the notification for processed poultry meat, raw and processed swine meat products, processed pet food, and processed feathers, the import of these products remain restricted from entry due to other import regulations.

General Information:

Introduction:

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries (DADF), issued a Gazette notification on August 28, 2009, extending its ongoing prohibition on imports of specified live animals and livestock products from all countries reporting Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI). This extension is effective for a period of six

months from the date of publication of this notification (August 28, 2009). Despite the exemptions listed in the notifications for processed poultry meat, raw and processed swine meat products, processed pet food, and processed feathers, the imports of these products remain restricted from entry due to other import regulations.

Disclaimer:

This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Final

Details on the final Gazette notification No. S.O. 2208(E), dated August 28, 2009:

- **Publication Date:** August 28, 2009
- **Date of Implementation:** August 28, 2009
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified (as of September 1, 2009)
- **Products Affected:** See notification text

Agency in Charge: Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), Government of India (GOI).

Proposed Changes:

Notification (Text as published is attached)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 28th August, 2009

S.O. 2208(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 and Section 3A of the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898 (9 of 1898), and in supersession of the notification issued *vide* No. S.O. 419 (E), dated 9th February, 2009 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), the Central Government hereby prohibits, with effect from the date of publication of this notification,—

- (i) the import into India from all countries, in view of Notifiable Avian Influenza (both Highly Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza and Low Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza), the following livestock and livestock products, namely :—
 - (a) domestic and wild birds (excluding poultry and captive birds);
 - (b) unprocessed meat and meat products from Avian species, including wild birds (except poultry);
 - (c) semen of domestic and wild birds (except semen of poultry);
- (ii) the import into India from the countries reporting Notifiable Avian Influenza (both Highly Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza and Low Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza), the following livestock and livestock products, namely:—
 - (a) live poultry and captive birds;
 - (b) day-old chicks, ducks, turkeys and other newly hatched Avian species;
 - (c) unprocessed meat and meat products from Avian species, including wild birds;
 - (d) hatching eggs;
 - (e) eggs and egg products (except Specific Pathogen Free eggs);
 - (f) unprocessed feathers;
 - (g) live pigs;
 - (h) pathological material and biological products from birds;
 - (i) products of animal origin (from birds) intended for use in animal feeding or for agricultural or industrial use;
 - (j) semen of poultry :

Provided that the prohibition shall not be applicable on the import of processed pet food containing ingredients of meat and meat products from avian species, pigs and products of animal origin (from birds) intended for use in animal feeding :

Provided that the prohibition shall also not be applicable to the import of pathological materials and biological products for diagnostic and research purposes :

Provided also further that the import of processed poultry meat shall be allowed after satisfactory conformity assessment of the exporting country.

2. The prohibition shall be in force for a period of six months from the date of publication of this notification or till such time it is modified or withdrawn, whichever is earlier.

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